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## Latimer, Becky

From:

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Sent:

Wednesday, January 8, 2020 9:35 AM

To: Subject:

2019-281-S

Dear Patrick Detches,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at <a href="https://www.psc.sc.gov">www.psc.sc.gov</a>.

 <u>Docket No. 2019-281-S</u> - Application of Palmetto Utilities, Incorporated for Adjustment (Increase) of Rates and Charges, Terms and Conditions, for Sewer Service Provided to Customers in Its Richland and Kershaw County Service Areas

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According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

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Docket No. 2019-281-S - Application of Palmetto Utilities, Incorporated for Adjustment (Increase) of Rates and Charges, Terms and Conditions, for Sewer Service Provided to Customers in Its Richland and Kershaw County Service Areas <a href="https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117238">https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117238</a>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely, Becky Latimer 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210



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Letter of Protest

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Date: \*

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Protestant Information:

Name \*

Patrick Detches

Mailing Address \*

City, State Zip \*

Columbia SC

E-mail

1. What is your connection or interest in this case? \* For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the

subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am a customer of subject company, Palmetto Utilities.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. \* (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I protest the 13% increase asked by Palmetto Utilities. As a retired person, my Social Security cost of living adjustment was only 1.6%. The increase from Palmetto Utility would amount to an additional \$14.52 on my monthly bill, which is nearly ½ of the dollar amount of my monthly Social Security increase. It may not seem like much to people who are presently employed, but when you're on a fixed income every – and I mean *every* – damned dime counts. Further, I don't feel that we as a community should be held hostage to the mismanagement and misguided financial decisions and machinations of those who sold and bought into this pig-in-the-poke.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? \*

Yes, I will make an appearance on April 28 at the designated time and place.